

July 19, 2022

A Special Meeting of the McCook County Commission was called to order in their Meeting Room by Chairman Steve Gordon. The meeting was held to hold initial review of 2023 budget requests. Members present: Dean Koch, Marc Dick, and Charles Liesinger. Member absent: Chuck Mehlbrech.

Chairman Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Gordon called for approval of the agenda. Motion made by Liesinger to approve the agenda as sent/posted. Second by Koch. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: none.

Commissioner Reports: Koch informed group that he received a request from area farmer to bring debris to the 2<sup>nd</sup> debris pile, offering to pay the county because the time to do this has passed. Koch told him no.

Mic Kreutzfeldt, Hwy Supt/Drainage Administrator, reviewed the Hwy Road & Bridge, Drainage, and Weed budgets with the Board. Kreutzfeldt provided a list of equipment and contracted construction projects that are included in the proposed budget.

Brad (BJ) Stiefvater, Jr, Emergency Manager, reviewed the Ambulance, Emergency & Disaster Service, and 911 Service budgets with the Board. Stiefvater noted a 6.6% increase for his ambulance service, adding that inflation rate is now just above 9%. Stiefvater noted a list of equipment needs to update the Command Center, this in the Emergency & Disaster Service budget.

Laurie Schwans, Register of Deeds, reviewed the Register of Deeds and Modernization & Preservation Fund budgets with the Board. Schwans noted that the M&P budget is being used for office equipment rental.

Carol Lauer, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's budget with the Board.

Mark Norris, Sheriff, and Mike Fink, States Attorney, met with the Board. Fink shared number of cases (from beginning of 2022 to present) from Turner, Lake, Hanson, and Hutchinson counties; criminal, magistrate, and POA, to show comparisons of workloads. Fink noted that he doesn't want to be full-time, just wanted to make the Board aware of the numbers. Norris noted that things within the Court system are only getting worse.

Liesinger left the meeting at this time.

Cori Kaufmann, Director of Equalization/Zoning Administrator/GIS Coordinator, reviewed Director of Equalization, Planning & Zoning, and GIS budgets with the Board. Kaufmann told the Board that her biggest concern is keeping up with DOE workload with all of the zoning issues that have been brought before the P&Z Commission and asked them to continue consideration of hiring a certified appraiser.

Geralyn Sherman, Auditor/Welfare Director, reviewed Auditor, Care of Poor, and Welfare budgets with the Commission.

The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

Steve Gordon \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, McCook County Commission

ATTEST:  
Geralyn Sherman \_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor, McCook County